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SUBJECT:OPIC AUTHORIZATION OF PL-480 "COOLEY" LOAN TO PREMIER TOBACCO INDUSTRIES, LTD.

REF: (A) STATE 252541; (B) ISLAMABAD 11012; (C) STATE 072094

- 1. OPIC AUTHORIZED PL-480 (COOLEY) LOCAL CURRENCY LOAN OF RS. 11,917,100 TO PREMIER TOBACCO INDUSTRIES, LTD. ON 10 APRIL 1975. PURPOSE OF LOAN IS AS DESCRIBED IN REF (A).
- 2. OPIC INTENDS TO MAKE THIS LOAN UNDER PL-480, 104(E) (COOLEY) AUTHORITY WHICH IT ADMINISTERS FOR A.I.D. BELIEVE PROCEDURES OUTLINED REF (C) SHOULD BE FOLLOWED TO OBTAIN "NON-OBJECTION" OF GOP. THEREFORE, EMBASSY AND CONGEN KARACHI AUTHORIZED TRANSMIT FOLLOWING TEXT TO JOINT SECRETARY, MIN OF FIN AND STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN: UNCLASSIFIED

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"GENTLEMEN:

WE WISH TO HEREBY NOTIFY YOU AND SOLICIT YOUR NON-OBJECTION FOR THE MAKING OF A LOAN IN PAKISTANI RUPEES TO PREMIER TOBACCO INDUSTRIES, LTD. OF KARACHI. THE COMPANY HAS ASSURED US THAT ALL THEIR APPROVALS ARE OTHERWISE IN ORDER. THE TERMS AND PURPOSE OF THE LOAN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- ---APPLICANT -- PREMIER TOBACCO INDUSTRIES, LTD. OF KARACHI
- ---NATURE OF BUSINESS -- CIGARETTE MANUFACTURING
- ---AMOUNT OF LOAN -- UP TO ELEVEN MILLION, NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED RUPEES.
- ---GENERAL PURPOSE OF LOAN -- PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES TO UPGRADE PRESENT LINES OF PRODUCTION
- ---INTEREST RATE -- 9 1/2 PERCENT, PAYABLE SEMI-ANNUALLY
- ---REPAYMENT -- ELEVEN YEARS IN SEMI-ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS, INCLUDING A TWO-YEAR GRACE PERIOD

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EARLY CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

JOHN K. CULMAN
DEPUTY VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE
OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION"

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY/CONGEN EMPHASIS TO GOP THAT THIS LOAN AND PROPOSED RAFHAN MAIZE LOAN APPEAR TO BE PRECURSORS OF GREATER U.S. INVESTOR INTEREST IN PAKISTAN AFTER LONG PERIOD OF DORMANCY. OPIC CONSIDERS THESE TWO LOANS AS IMPORTANT INITIATIVES FOR U.S. INVESTMENT INCLUDING GREATER INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER OPIC PROGRAMS, INCLUDING INVESTOR INSURANCE.

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- 4. EMBASSY OR CONGEN AUTHORIZED TO MAKE NECESSARY CORRECTIONS TO TEXT AS WARRANTED BY LOCAL CONDITIONS.
- 5. PLEASE ALSO ADVISE NAME AND ADDRESS OF AGENT BANK AT WHICH USDO WILL ESTABLISH ACCOUNT FOR DISBURSEMENTS AND REPAYMENTS OF THESE LOANS, THE FEE CHARGED BY THE AGENT BANK FOR ITS SERVICES, THE DATES SUCH FEE PAYMENTS ARE DUE, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE ESTAB-

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